(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the value of the cars imported during the last three years misusing the provisions of this scheme;

(d) the number of cars seized by Government in such cases; and

(e) the number of such vehicles released by Government after payment of necessary duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Notification No. 39 (RE-2005)/2004-09 dated 17.1.2006 has been issued recently by the DGFT amending the provisions for import of cars under EPCG Scheme. Henceforth, the 'duty saved' amount on all EPCG licences issued in a licensing year for import of motor cars, sports utility vehicles/ all purpose vehicles shall not exceed 50% of the average foreign exchange earnings from the hotel, travel & tourism and golf tourism sectors in the preceding three licensing years. Further, import of motor cars, sports utility vehicles/all purpose vehicles shall be allowed only to those hotels, travel agents, tour operators or tour transport operators and companies owning/operating golf resorts whose total foreign exchange earning from the hotel, travel & tourism and golf tourism sectors in the current and preceding three licensing years is at least Rs. 1.5 crores.

(c) The total value of vehicles involved in the alleged misuse of the EPCG Scheme is Rs. 30.16 crores.

(d) 93 vehicles were seized by the DRI (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence) so far.

(e) 37 vehicles.

SEZs in Punjab

904. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones set up in Punjab recently;

(b) the location of each Zone;

(c) the criteria adopted for setting up of such Zones;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open new SEZs in Punjab in near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) There is no proposal for the Central Government to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the policy of the Government is to encourage and facilitate establishment of SEZs in the private sector or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. Accordingly, approval has been given for setting up of 3 Special Economic Zones in Punjab on the basis of proposals received from the State Government/Private Sector, as per the details given below:

Location	Name of the developer
Amritsar	Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.
Mohali	M/s. Quarkcity India Pvt. Ltd.
Mohali	M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.

The criteria for setting up of Special Economic Zones prescribed in the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 include minimum area, generation of additional economic activity, promotion of exports, promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources, creation of employment opportunities and development of infrastructure facilities.

Industries set up in Uttaranchal

905. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major and minor Industries that have been set up in Uttaranchal in the last three years, year-wise and district-wise to help the poor people to come above the poverty line; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to extend financial assistance in this behalf?